

Person—full-time/part-time status, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Full-time/part-time status
METEOR identifier:	691891
Registration status:	Homelessness , Standard 10/08/2018
Definition:	Whether a person in paid employment is employed full-time or part-time, as represented by a code.
Context:	Labour force characteristics.
Data Element Concept:	Person—Full-time/part-time status
Value Domain:	Full-time/part-time status code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Full-time
	2	Part-time
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Applies only to people whose labour force status is employed. (See metadata item [Person—labour force status, code N](#) for a definition of 'employed'). Paid employment includes persons who performed some work for wages or salary, in cash or in kind, and persons temporarily absent from a paid employment job but who retained a formal attachment to that job.

CODE 1 Full-time

Employed persons are working full-time if they:

(a) usually work 35 hours or more in a week (in all paid jobs) or

(b) although usually working less than 35 hours a week, actually worked 35 hours or more during the reference period.

CODE 2 Part-time:

Employed persons are working part-time if they usually work less than 35 hours a week (in all paid jobs) and either did so during the reference period, or were not at work in the reference period.

CODE 9 Not stated/ inadequately described

Is not to be used on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item has not been collected.

Collection methods:

Can be collected for an actual week (e.g. a particular reference period), or a usual week (e.g. a person usually works part time though they worked full-time in the last week). Note: if collected for a particular reference period, respondents may report 0 hours if on leave for the reference period. For most purposes the hours usually worked will be more appropriate.

This metadata item should be based on the number of hours worked by the person (either actual or usual). It should not be based on the self-enumerated question suggested in the Collection methods of metadata item Person—labour force status, code N. Doing so would result in inaccurate information.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2014. Standards for Labour Force Statistics, Australia. ABS cat. no. 1288.0. Canberra: ABS.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person \(employed\)—full-time/part-time status, code N](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015
[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS 2019-Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018

Conditional obligation:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this item is only asked of clients. This item is conditional on a response of Employed (Code 1) in the data element [Person—labour force status, code N](#).

DSS specific information:

In the Specialist Homelessness Services NMDS, this data element is collected four times, for the following points in time:

- one week before the start of the support period (the [Service episode—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](#))
- at the date of presentation
- at the end of the reporting period (the [Service event—last service provision date, DDMMYYYY](#))
- at the end of the support period (the [Service episode—episode end date, DDMMYYYY](#))

Only one permissible value is selected in each case.

This collection records a response of Don't Know (Code 99), which is equivalent to the code Not stated/Inadequately described (Code 9) in the Standard.